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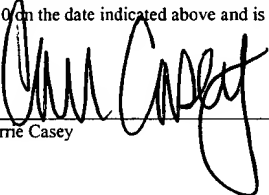
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AMENDMENT

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Introductory Comments:

In response to the Office Action dated August 23, 2004, please consider the above-identified application as follows. This response is being submitted on or before the extended due date of December 23, 2004.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Interview Summary begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14 of this paper.

Serial No. 09/898,743

Interview Summary:

Applicant thanks the Examiners for the courtesy extended to Applicant in granting the interview on November 10, 2004 regarding the general nature of the invention and the rejections made in the first office action. The rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102 was discussed in regards to the cited prior art. The Examiners also suggested that Barany et al. patents on zip code technology might be applicable to the proposed amended claims. In addition, the Examiners objected to the term "about" in the instant claims.

The Examiners suggested further claim amendments to insert a genedigit limitation. The Examiner indicated that such claims appeared to be allowable over the Barany patent. Applicant agreed to take under consideration the Examiner's suggestions and submit an amendment.